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TaskID:

4975

Mine Name:

TRAIL MOUNTAIN MINE

Title:

PERMIT TRANSFER

General Contents

Identification of Interest

Analysis:

Pursuant to R645-301-112, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC has submitted an application to transfer the Trail Mountain Mine permit from PacifiCorp to Fossil Rock Resources, LLC. The mine and associated facilities have been renamed the Fossil Rock Mine under the new ownership. The application identifies Fossil Rock Resources, LLC as the Applicant and Operator of the newly named Fossil Rock Mine.

The Fossil Rock Mine reference has been included in the General Chapter 1 Chapter. Fossil Rock Resources, LLC has been added to the Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations on Table 1-1.

A listing of Officers has been included in Appendix 1-1, General Chapter 1 as required. Figure 1-1 Organizational Chart of Bowie Resources Partners, LLC has been updated to include Fossil Rock Resources, LLC.

In accordance with R645-301-112, an AVS Check was performed on Canyon Fuel Company, LLC on September 8, 2015. No violations were retrieved in the system.

The Chapter 1 Introduction refers to Fossil Rock Resources, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is wholly owned by Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. However, R645-301-112.100, Fossil Rock Resources, LLC is required to be added as a Business Entity.

R645-301-112.200, Fossil Rock Resources, LLC is required to be listed as Applicant, Operator and provide the Resident Agent, Contact Person and Person Who Will Pay Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fees information, as Fossil Rock Resources, LLC will be the new Permittee and Operator of the Fossil Rock Mine. This information must include an address and phone number as required. R645-301-112.230 Also requires the a tax payer identification number also be provided by the Applicant and Operator.

The Applicant submitted the required information on September 15, 2015. This application meets the requirements of R645-301-112.

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Public Notice and Comment

Analysis:

The application meets the requirements of R645-301-117.

The applicant has provided a copy of the public notice. It has been scheduled to publish in the Sun Advocate on September 8, 2015. The review and comment period will end on October 9, 2015.

An affidavit of publication will be required to be submitted to the Division as soon as it is available.

An affidavit of publication was submitted to the Division on September 15, 2015.

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Permit Application Format and Contents

Analysis:

As per R645-301-130, the applicant has provided an errata sheet to be incorporated into the Mining and Reclamation Plan to clarify the names referenced in the existing MRP to the corresponding name of the new responsible party.

The errata sheet meets the requirements.

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Reclamation Plan

Bonding and Insurance General

Analysis:

The application conditionally meets the required Bonding and Insurance Requirements of the State of Utah R645 Coal Mining Rules.

The applicant has provided a signed Reclamation Agreement listing Fossil Rock Resources, LLC and the Permittee of the Fossil Rock Mine. A surety bond in the amount of \$1,154,000 has been posted with Ironshore Indemnity Inc. SUR#60000342. Ironshore Indemnity Inc. is currently rated as an "A" company with A.M. Best Rating Inc.

An Exhibit A is also provided. However, the Exhibit A is identifying the entire permit area in the legal description rather than the "bonded area" or disturbed area of 27.83 acres. Exhibit A will be required to be revised upon approval.

A Certificate of Insurance has also been provided listing Fossil Rock Resources, LLC, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC and Bowie Resource Holdings, LLC as Insured. The Insurer is National Union Fire and is licensed to do business in the state of Utah. A limit of \$2,000,000 is listed for each occurrence. Blasting and use of explosives is not excluded under the policy. The certificate holder is listed as the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The Description of Operations list the Fossil Rock Mine C/015/0009. The Certificate of Insurance meets the requirements of R645-301-890.

An updated Exhibit A was submitted to the Division on September 15, 2015. The Exhibit A provides the legal description of the disturbed area or bonded area which is currently 27.83 acres.

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